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HELDIN et al.

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RECOMBINANT PDGF A-CHAIN HOMODIMERS AND

METHODS OF USE (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 4, 1999 (Paper #42). Submitted with this Response is a request for a one-month extension of time and appropriate fee, making a response due December 4, 1999. However, because December 4, 1999 falls on a Saturday, a response filed the next business day, namely Monday, December 6, 1999 is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.